



## Exchanging Gifts On 'Eed

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There is no explicit instruction for Muslims to exchange gifts on the occasion of 'Eed – except for Sadaqat ul-fitr (given to the poor on 'Eed al-Fitr) and part of the sacrifice (given away on 'Eed ul-Adha).

Giving gifts, however, is generally recommended in Islam as a means of strengthening brotherhood ties among the Muslims. Abu Hurayrah  reported that the Prophet  said:

«تَهَادُّوا تَحَابُّوا.»

Exchange gifts: this will bring love among you. <sup>1</sup>

Therefore, it is permissible for Muslims to exchange gifts at various occasions, including 'Eeds. This gift-exchange, however, is subject to the following considerations:

- It should be done without extravagance or show-off.
- It should not be viewed as a mandatory practice associated with the occasion.
- The exchanged gifts should be permissible in Islam. They should not include statues, musical instruments, or other prohibited items.

With these guidelines, exchanging gifts can be put to good use on 'Eed – bringing feelings of joy to the Muslim children, and attracting the hearts of non-Muslims and weak-hearted Muslims to Islam.

<sup>1</sup> Recorded by Abu Ya'laa, al-Bayhaquee and al-Bukhaaree in al-Adabul-Mufrad. Verified to be hasan by al-Albaanee (Irwaa' ul-Ghaleel no.1601)